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SUBJECT: AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN BRAZIL

1. PRIMARY OUTBREAK OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) ORIGINATED
FROM GARBAGE FEEDING OF ANIMALS FROM GARBAGE COLLECTED AT
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN RIO DE JANEIRO. FIRST ANIMAL
DEATHS OCCURRED APRIL 30; QUARANTINE INITIATED MAY 14.
EPIDEMIOLOGIST HAS DETERMINED THAT MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS AND
PORK MEAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO AND SUBSEQUENT TO QUARANTINE.

2. SECONDARY OUTBREAKS HAVE BEEN CLINICALLY CONFIRMED AT
OTHER LOCATIONS (PRIMARILY IN SLUMS) IN THE STATE OF
RIO DE JANEIRO. AT THIS TIME, THE NUMBER OF PIGS EXPOSED
IS NOT KNOWN. SLAUGHTER HAS BEGUN IN SOME LOCATIONS
BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO STOP COMMERCE BETWEEN
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THE SLUM COMMUNITIES. PRESENT POLICY IS TO SLAUGHTER
PIGS WITHIN RADIUS OF 15 KM OF THE OUTBREAK AND TO
QUARANTINE WITHIN RADIUS OF 50 KM. SECONDARY OUTBREAKS
HAVE ALSO BEEN CONFIRMED THIS WEEK IN TWO GARBAGE FEED-
ING PREMISES FAR FROM THE CITY BUT STILL WITHIN THE
STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO. THUS, MULTIPLE SOURCES OF
ASF ARE PROBABLE AND SPREAD OF ASF TO AT LEAST THE

ENTIRE STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO IS LIKELY. THE SWINE
POPULATION OF BRAZIL IS GUESSESTIMATED AT 40 MILLION AND
AT 200,000 FOR THE STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO.

3. BRAZILIAN VETERINARY SERVICE HAS RECOMMENDED DECLARA-
TION OF EMERGENCY INCLUDING SLAUGHTER AND DESTRUCTION
OF ENTIRE SWINE POPULATION OF STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO.
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S FOOT AND MOUTH
DISEASE CENTER AND U.S. ADVISORS CONCUR ENTIRELY WITH
VETERINARY SERVICE'S RECOMMENDATION.

4. HESS AND SHERMAN ARE ORGANIZING LABORATORY FOR TEST-
ING OF SAMPLES, NOT ONLY FROM RIO STATE BUT FOR ENTIRE
COUNTRY. LAB WILL BE OPERATIONAL JUNE 12. PAGE AND
REICHARD ARE WORKING WITH VETERINARY SERVICE ON SUR-
VEILLANCE AND ERADICATION PLANS.

5. SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE PROVIDED BY USDA ADVISORS.
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